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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 10.
January 7th repeated to Cairo, Bagdad, Beirut, B.M.E.O.
Cairo, Jedda, Amman, Jerusalem, and United Kingdom
Delegation New York.

I had an hour's talk with the President of the Republic last night, of which at least half was devoted to Palestine. I asked him whether he could see any way out of the present situation and suggested that perhaps at some stage some form of conciliation might be employed. He replied that any such idea was impossible. His general line ranged from obloquy of the Jews to a plea for us to have pity on the poor Arabs. He was fairly insistent on the Communist danger to be expected and said that we should in a few months time see ship-loads of persons [? gp. omitted] would arrive in Palestine from Eastern Europe who were not necessarily Jews but Communist elements and that the country first to suffer from this incursion would be Egypt.

2. While the conversation was perfectly friendly throughout I feel that in the existing circumstances we shall have to look to some other Arab country for a lead in any breaking away from the present uncompromising stand.

Foreign Office please pass to UKDEL New York as my telegram No. 1.

[Repeated to U.K. Delegation New York.]

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...in conversation with United States
...and a member of Legislative Council
...that he thought the time had come for Arab
League to create a provisional Government for
Palestine in view of probability that Jews would
declare a Jewish state.
He himself would have preferred to have waited until
General Assembly had definitely turned down the
partition plan.

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FROM DAMASCUS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Broadhead

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 155 of March
24th repeated to Bagdad, Beirut, Cairo, Jedda, Jerusalem,
B.M.E.O. Cairo, United Kingdom Delegation New York.

Palestine.

Assam Pasha who is now in Damascus for a few days said in conversation with United States Ambassador Bagdad and a member of my staff that he thought the time had come for Arab League to create a provisional government for Palestine in view of probability that Jews would declare a Jewish State. He himself would have preferred to wait until May 16th before doing so or at least until partition had been definitely turned down by proposed special meeting of the General Assembly.

Foreign Office please pass to United Kingdom
Delegation New York as my telegram No. 7.

[Repeated to United Kingdom Delegation New York]

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FROM A.C. Trett
JHDDA
No. 198/22/48

Dated 27th March
Received 2nd April
in Registry

Palestine. Views of Assem Pasha.

Encloses copy of memorandum giving text of conversation between Mr. Childs of the American Embassy and Assem Pasha conveyed to Mr. Trett in conversation with Mr. Childs. Assem feared that the Arabs would never win in a fight with the Jews owing to lack of arms etc, and that when the British withdrew from Palestine there would be terrible bloodshed, particularly at Jaffa, where it was thought that the Jews would exterminate the Arabs.

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27th March 1948.

I understand from Childs that hitherto he had heard nothing from the State Department in reply.

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**B.A.B. Burrows, Esquire,
Eastern Department,
FOREIGN OFFICE.**

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Enclosure in Jeddah letter No.198/22/48 of 27th March 1948.

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MEMORANDUM.

Palestine.

Mr. Childs spoke to me this evening. (4th March 1948).

He had had very important conversations with Azzam Pasha about Palestine. The latter told him that a year ago he had been very anxious about the arms situation. He had then found that the whole number of arms in the hands of the Arabs of (?) all Palestine was 40. Since then they had had to arrange for infiltration of men and arms from Syria, the Lebanon etc.

However, the Jews were very strong and had much better arms than they had. In spite of the appointment of two Iraqi generals, one of whom was Safwat, they could not hope to win in a fight. They feared that directly the British withdrew there would be terrible bloodshed, particularly at Jaffa, where they thought the Jews would exterminate all the Arabs.

Mr. Childs then suggested that Azzam had now a magnificent opportunity. He ought now to declare, with a careful build-up to prepare the ground and get adequate publicity, that they were prepared to submit to total disarmament on the basis of reciprocity: that would cause a tremendous impression throughout the U.S.A., because, although it was true that the people of the U.S.A. were inclined to favour the Jews, they were still more inclined to favour peace. And if the Jews refused they would put themselves in the wrong.

Mr. Childs had prepared a statement on those lines, but in order to get it quite right he had rushed out to the aerodrome this morning to consult with Azzam Pasha about the text of his communication before it went off. Fortunately he got there just before the plane went off. Azzam read his draft telegram and said he agreed, subject to the proviso that there should be a total stoppage of immigration for one year to see how things went.

Mr. Childs also felt that the neighbouring countries should pledge themselves to do what was in fact their duty under the United Nations, i.e. to be neutral and to respect the independence of a neighbouring country and do nothing to break the peace, etc.

Another interesting point was that Azzam Pasha said that the Mufti was taking a back seat in all these matters, and would continue to do so. Azzam also said that Transjordan would not in any circumstances invade Palestine.

Mr. Childs regards Azzam as a politician of great integrity and astuteness, and he is putting all this up to his department.

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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE
(BRITISH MIDDLE EAST OFFICE)

D: 9.17 p.m. 9th April, 1948
R: 10.55 p.m. 9th April, 1948

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 117
April 9th repeated for information to Jerusalem.

Jerusalem telegram No. 820 to Secretary of State.

Arab Provisional Government for Palestine.

Clayton saw Azzam on 7th and broached this question with him.

2. Azzam said that the question of administration in Palestine was being discussed. He had been trying to get a military administration set up much on the lines of our Civil Affairs Branch which would be under the control of Safwat and through him of Palestine Council of Arab League (see my telegram No. 74). He thought that he would be successful in getting his plan approved. He was anxious to employ in this military administration as many of the present Arab employees of Palestine Government as possible.

3. Clayton drew his attention to points mentioned in paragraph 2 of Jerusalem telegram and Azam said that the administration contemplated would only deal with areas under actual control of Arabs. He himself, and many others, particularly wanted to avoid setting up surreptitious form of government which would prejudice future of Palestine. It was largely for this reason that he wanted a military administration.

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 TELEGRAM FROM
 Sir Ronald
 No. Campbell
 CAIRO
 Dated 467
 Received in Registry 15th April
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Khushab, A. Pasha said that after discussing the situation who recently captured the Jewish village and were now surrounded themselves by an force of armed Jews, begged that a force of troops be sent to intervene and separate the Khushab, A. Pasha said that he was speaking in a purely personal capacity, and not for the Arab League.
 Sir Ronald Campbell thinks that anything that we can do for these Arabs would have a marked effect on Anglo-Arab relations.

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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R. Campbell D. 8. 04 p.m. 15th April, 1948.
No. 467
15th April, 1948. R. 9. 22 p.m. 15th April, 1948.

IMPORTANT

Addressed to Jerusalem telegram No. 44 of April 15th repeated for information to Foreign Office.

Minister for Foreign Affairs came to see me this morning "on a matter of urgency". He said that a force of some 300 (repeat 300) Arabs commanded by Fauzi Kaukji that had recently captured the Jewish village of Shammer was now surrounded by a force of (he believed) 12,000 (repeat 12,000) armed Jews and without British military intervention would undoubtedly be wiped out. He begged that possibly British troops should intervene and separate the combatants. He said that so far as he knew the Arabs had never before appealed for British military intervention in this way though Jews had done so. British military action that had recently saved a Jewish convoy from complete destruction had received considerable publicity.

2. I asked Khashab.A. Pasha whether he was speaking in the name of the Arab League now in session here, of whose political Committee he is the Chairman, or whether as the Egyptian Minister for Foreign Affairs. He replied that though he was sure the League would be glad to endorse his request he was in fact speaking purely in his personal capacity. I did not press him but gathered that he would regard it as derogatory of Arabic prestige to appear to speak in such a matter except on basis of a personal appeal.

3. B.B.C. newsman here has already approached my publicity section for confirmation of a report that the Minister for Foreign Affairs came to consult me in connexion with the plight of Arabs in Palestine on which subject he says a very grave view is taken in Arab League circles. (This is true for Minister for Foreign Affairs himself spoke to me in this sense a few days ago). I said that I was sure that our forces would, as heretofore, do their duty to the best of their ability to maintain public order: but that all I could do would be to pass on his request to you.

4. In view of this appeal I think that anything our forces could do consonant with the practical possibilities of the situation to rescue these Arabs, if the story is true, would have marked beneficial effect upon our relations, generally with the States members of the Arab League, Egypt in particular.

Foreign Office please pass Most Immediate to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 44. (via C.O.)

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FROM

No. R.L. Speaight
CAIRO
1/198748

Dated

Received 17th April
in Registry 21st April

Palestine. Jewish Federation Proposal.

Mr. Salvator Cicurel, a prominent Jew told a leading member of the British Community that according to information conveyed to the Chief Rabbi of Egypt from an emissary of the Palace, the Egyptian Government were prepared to come out in favour of a federation as a solution of the Palestine problem, but did not wish to take the initiative. It was apparently suggested to Mr. Cicurel that if the Jews of Egypt were to take the initiative in publicly advocating federation the Egyptian Government would back their proposal.

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With the Palestinian Jews in their present mood, and so soon after their proclamation at Tel-Aviv of the principle of an independent Jewish State as from May 15th, M. Cicurel and other Jewish magnates abroad are not likely to be of much influence.

D. Ballman
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
CAIRO.

17th April, 1948.

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Dear Department,

A leading member of the British community in Cairo told me recently that Mr. Salvator Cicurel, who is prominent in the Jewish community here, had told him that according to information conveyed to the Chief Rabbi of Egypt from an emissary of the Palace, the Egyptian Government were prepared to come out in favour of federation as a solution of the Palestine problem, but did not wish to take the initiative. It was apparently suggested to Mr. Cicurel that if the Jews of Egypt were to take the initiative in publicly advocating federation the Egyptian Government would back their proposal.

My informant added that a Jewish business associate of his, Mr. Krischewski, had been similarly informed by Mr. Cicurel and had gone to London to consult the Jewish authorities there.

I am sending copy of this letter to the Secretariat, Jerusalem and the British Middle East Office.

Yours ever,

R. Speaight

Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Arab Views on Palestine

From Sir, Alec Kirkbride
ANMAN
No. 24

Dated 26th April
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Transmits copy of telegram from the Palestine Defence Committee dated 23rd April addressed to His Majesty's Government, who are alleged to be in agreement with Haganah to expel Arabs from their homeland.

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TELEGRAM FROM AMMAN DATED THE 23/4/1948.

TO MR. ERNEST BEVIN THROUGH THE BRITISH MINISTER AMMAN.

TO EXPELL THE ARABS OUT OF THEIR HOMELAND IN
PALESTINE AS A RESULT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRITISH
ARMY AND THE HAGANA GANGS IS AN INDICATION TO BRITAIN'S
FRONTIERS TOWARDS THE ARABS. TO HAND OVER TO THE JEWS
STRATEGIC POSITIONS BY MEANS OF WHICH THEY WILL DOMINATE
OVER UNARMED ARAB VILLAGES IS ANOTHER CRIME IN YOUR
LONG HISTORY. RESPONSIBILITY RESTS ON YOU FOR INHUMANE
MASSACRES COMMITTED BY THE BEASTS OF HUMANITY THE BLOOD
SHEDDERS. WE SHALL NEVER FORGET YOUR DISAPPROVED OF
ATTITUDE.

(SGD.) PALESTINE DEFENCE COMMITTEE.

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New York,
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Advised to Foreign Office telegram No. 122 of
13th May. Referred to B.M.E.O., Cairo, Egypt;
B.M.E.O., Jeddah, UKDEL New York, Washington and Jerusalem.

According to this morning's papers Asnan Pasha is
stated to have declared last night to Associated Press
in Damascus that the members of Arab League Political
Committee had taken a decision to create an Arab civil
administration in Palestine which will exercise its
authorities under supervision of Arab League after
termination of British Mandate. Asnan added that the
mission of the administration will be particularly to co-
ordinate administrative actions with Arab military forces
which will occupy Palestine.

Foreign Office please pass to UKDEL and Washington
as my telegrams Nos. 55 and 35 respectively.

Cairo please pass to B.M.E.O. as my telegram
No. 125.

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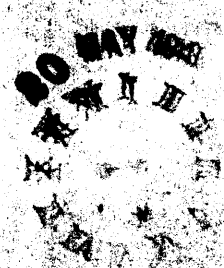


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Appointment by Egyptian Army of Governor for
 Egyptian Occupied Territories.

Refers Foreign Office telegram No. 418 to Amman
 (26790/4/51) According to information obtained from
 Egyptian Army H.Q. Major General Ahmed Salem Pasha
 has been appointed Administrative Governor of those
 areas in Palestine which are occupied by Egyptian
 forces.

26790/4/51
 Sir, Amman
 No. Campbell
 26790

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Saving to Jedda.

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Damascus, Jerusalem, U.K. Del. New York and Washington,
and Saving to Jedda.

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Your telegram 418 to Amman paragraph 1.

According to information obtained from Egyptian
Army Headquarters, Major General Ahmed Salem Pasha
has been appointed Administrative Governor of those
areas. Palestine which are occupied by Egyptian forces.

Foreign Office please pass to U.K. Del. New
York and Washington as my telegrams 53 and 56
respectively.

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British Consulate,
Jerusalem.

25th. May, 1948.

My dear Beder

E. 7589

7 JUN 1948

I enclose a minute by
Pruen on an afternoon's visit
to Arab Legion Headquarters in
the Old City. It may interest
the Department.

Yours ever
[Signature]

Harold Beeley, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
LONDON.

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Conversation with Major Abdullah Tell, Military Governor of Arab Jerusalem (Al Quds Al 'Arabiya) and Dr. Mousa Hussein on 24th May, 1948.

POLITICAL.

All references to the Arab Higher Committee gave the impression that it is regarded as being non-existent. Members of the Arab National Committee in Jerusalem are subordinated to Major Tell's military governorship and do not act without his authority. Dr. Izzat Tannous provides funds from the Beit Al Mal (the treasury of the Arab Higher Committee) whenever they are required and without reference.

Political rivalry, while not entirely dormant, has plainly been put aside in Jerusalem for the time being. I gather that there has been some kind of agreement between contending parties that the Arab armies conducting operations in Palestine shall be responsible for the civil administration of their respective areas until Jewish military resistance comes to an end. Arrangements will then be made to recast the political structure of the country on the basis of a plebiscite. Important matters arising in areas under Arab Legion control are referred by the Military Governor concerned direct to King Abdullah for a decision. In this connection I was informed that Bahjat Tabbara at Ramallah has local jurisdiction only and is not, as formerly reported, a Military Governor over all areas under Arab Legion occupation.

Under this cloak of military administration serious efforts are being directed towards establishing the cadre of a new civil service. Emphasis was placed on the desire to create a body of civil servants, immune from political bias, and available to serve any future Government or succession of Governments. The new Arab Government Service will of necessity be on a much smaller scale than that existing before the 15th May. Apart from the fact that estimated revenue will not support a large body of Government officers, the large numbers employed by the Mandatory Government were all part of the cumbersome machinery necessitated by the use of three official languages, a consideration that will not weigh in the future.

A considerable number of Arab Government officers deserted the country during the last days of the Mandate. A few reliable and technically qualified officers, however, have remained and are already engaged in organizing their skeleton departments. Nicola Halaby was quoted as an example. He is now creating a new Public Works Department and directs operations from hospital where he is receiving treatment for a wound.

A Customs Control will be established on the Jordan Frontier as soon as troop movements diminish and give way to normal civilian traffic. An exclusively Arab telephone service has been established in the Old City with a through line to Amman. The new Post Office is situated near the Headquarters of the Arab National Committee at Casa Nova. Letters and telegrams are accepted for distribution outside Palestine only and are routed through Amman. Transjordan stamps are affixed to the letters. It is hoped that water will be turned on again in the Arab Old City (and in St. Paul's Hospice) during the course of the next two days.

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MILITARY.

It is not intended that the Arab Liberation Army, together with all lower forms of military organization, shall continue as such. Arrangements are now in hand for disbanding these bodies and drafting their personnel into the regular armies after a period of selective training in Transjordan or elsewhere. They will be officered, during training, by their own officers and N.C.Os.

No precise information was forthcoming regarding the military objectives in Jerusalem. So far as can be gathered the intention is to occupy the whole city, a policy that is at variance with the advice of Glubb Pasha and others.

Morale is at a high level. Dr. Hussein talked quite naturally about making tentative arrangements for bringing his wife and family back to the American Colony (at present some two or three hundred yards behind the front line) at the end of a fortnight. These views are largely based on the belief that the Jewish population cannot bear siege conditions for much longer than another ten days and that a military decision will be forced during that period. The Old City is almost back to normal. Fresh vegetables are being brought in via St. Stephan's Gate and the shops are reopened and appear to be well stocked.

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12 JUN 1948

Registry
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TELEGRAM FROM

No. Sir. Hugh Dow
JERUSALEM
164Dated 9th June
Received 12th
in RegistryInternational Recognition of Palestine Arabs.

It is clear that Arab Higher Committee influence in Palestine has been replaced by temporary Military Governorships which have been agreed upon and instituted by occupying armies. Suggests many purposes would be served if Arab States could be prevailed upon to choose Musa Al Alami to go to Lake Success.

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Reference is to F.O. 12 N° 418 to Amman, at Jerusalem.

This links up with the suggestion from New York that the Jewish representation there should no longer be considered as spokesman of the Jewish Agency.

S. Balfour
14/6

Mr. Balfour
14/6

Mr. Balfour for do

The proposal made in this telegram is not altogether clear to me. I agree that Musa Bey Alami would be a great improvement on Jamal Bey Husseini as an Arab spokesman at Lake Success. And it is quite possible that the pending discussion of Mr. Eban's status may result in some questioning ^{as to} the present position of the Arab ^{Higher} Committee.

The suggestion is presumably that, if this were to happen, somebody should propose that

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the Arab population should be represented
 represent the population under Arab military
 government (and not, as the Higher Committee
 claims to do) the entire Arab population of
 Palestine; and that when this change had
 been effected the Arab League should secure the
 nomination of Musa Bey.

If I have interpreted the idea correctly, I
 think it would be difficult for the Arab States,
 the Musa Bey or H.M. Government to take part
 just now in a change which would imply
 a readiness to write off the Arab population of
 the Jewish State or to accept the view that
 that population is represented by Mr. Eban.

Now see E 8146.

H. Beeley 17/6

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 184 of June
9th, repeated to Amman, Cairo, Beirut, Bagdad, Jedda,
Damascus, B.M.E.O., U.K. Delegation New York and Washington.

Your telegram 418 of May 23rd.

International recognition of Palestinian Arabs.

It is now clear that Arab Higher Committee influence in Palestine has been effectively replaced by temporary military governorships which have been agreed upon and instituted by occupying armies. In Jerusalem remaining members of Higher Committee's National Committee have either left the country or have been subordinated to the Arab Legion Military Governor who now directs all attempts to reorganise civil government in Arab Jerusalem. Furthermore, Arab Higher Committee has not been represented at recent Arab League gatherings and in this last stage of its existence it seems worth considering whether Jamal Al Hussein's anomalous position as its representative at Lake Success should not provide most convenient approach for implementing suggestions outlined in your telegram under reference.

2. If Arab States could be prevailed upon to choose Mousa Al Alami to go to Lake Success many purposes would be served. Mousa would do the job better than Jamal. While he would almost certainly receive Hashimite support his appointment would not be at variance with apparent intention of Arab States to brush Palestine domestic politics to one side until the war is won. By eliminating the Mufti's last remaining strong-hold it would, on the contrary, be quite consistent with present trend.

3. Your telegram 545 to Amman repeated to me, regarding Edward Ateyah's views is receiving separate reply. It is worth noting in this connexion however, that Mousa Al Alami has been one of Palestine's most moderate leaders and that a return of the support which he enjoyed from moderate elements and the more intelligent young men in 1944 and 1945 would augur far better for peace settlement whichever way it is likely to go.

Foreign Office pass U.K. Del. New York, Washington and Jedda as my telegrams 37, 11 and 27 respectively.

[Repeated to U.K. Del. New York, Washington and Jedda].

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TELEGRAM FROM
United Kingdom
Delegation
No. NEW YORK
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Dated
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Arab attitude to be adopted during discussions
with Count Bernadotte

Mr. Beeley reports conversation with Hajj Asif who has received a telegram from Bagdad asking for his opinion on the present situation and his advice on the policy to be adopted in the coming discussion with Count Bernadotte. He has asked Mr. Beeley for some indication of His Majesty's Government's attitude before replying

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Would the Arabs be prepared "whatever the risks" to resume the war if they had not been saved from an actual state of open war by being persuaded to sign a truce just as the tide was beginning to turn against them? Their public opinion is hopelessly misinformed regarding the real situation and only hard facts can educate it.

Note para 3: Mr. Beeley is expecting a reply.

J. Balfour
12/6

Reply sent

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No.1717 June 11th, repeated for information to Washington Saving.

Palestine.

Following for Burrows from Beeley.

Naji Asil told me today that he has received a telegram from Bagdad asking for his opinion on the present situation and his advice on the policy to be adopted in the coming negotiations with Bernadotte. Before replying he would like to have some indication of the views of His Majesty's Government.

2. I promised to telegraph this request to London. Meanwhile, speaking personally, I emphasised the dangers from the Arab point of view of a renewal of hostilities, and asked whether he thought the Arab Governments were determined to incur these dangers rather than acquiesce in the establishment of a Jewish state in any part of Palestine. Asil felt sure that, whatever the risks, they would prefer to resume the war. A Jewish state would not only be contrary to their conception of Palestine as an Arab country, it would also constitute a serious threat to their security. The Iraqis, for instance, would have to live "with one eye on the Caucasus and the other on Tel Aviv". Therefore the most the Arabs could concede would be the formation of a United States of Palestine, in which a Jewish Government would exist but would be subordinated to a Federal Government.

5. Is there anything you would like me to convey to Asil before I leave here on Monday?

[Advance copy sent to Mr. Burrows]

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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Washington.

Your telegram No. 1717 [of June 11 :

Palestine].

Following for Beeley from Burrows.

I fear we have not yet ^{gone} far enough

on our thinking to be able to give any
positive advice to Arab representatives at this
stage, ^{except as you have already done,}
~~Line you adopted personally seems very~~
~~reasonable one but you cannot at present say~~
~~it is endorsed by H. M. G.~~

~~case continue~~ to emphasize
~~low~~ dangers of renewed fighting;
particularly to Arabs in their
very precarious military situation.

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TELEGRAM FROM AMMAN (Sir A Kirkbride)

No. 482

Dated 12 Jun 48

Received in Registry 14 Jun 48

Efforts of Sir A Kirkbride to find solution to

Palestine problem.
 Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Transjordan, flying to Cairo to attend a meeting of the Political Committee on 14 Jun, to consider possible solutions to Palestine problem. The Military Technical Committee will also assemble to report on the Military position to the Political Committee.

The Prime Minister has no clear plan for a solution except a wish to avoid fresh outbreak of hostilities. Sir A Kirkbride agreed with the Prime Minister that 4 weeks was a short period to deal with such a complex problem.

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Palestine.

The Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Transjordan are flying to Cairo to attend a meeting of the Political Committee on Monday afternoon to consider what solutions to the Palestine problem are possible. The Military Technical Committee will also assemble in order to report on the military position to the Political Committee.

2. I asked the Prime Minister what solution he had in mind, and he admitted having no clear plan except that of avoiding any resumption of hostilities. He doubted whether four weeks was long enough to deal with so complex a problem. I agreed and suggested working for more time for consideration.

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TELEGRAM FROM
CAIRO (Sir R Campbell)

No. 114 Saving.

Dated 12 Jul 48

Received in Registry 15 Jul 48

Creation of a temporary civil affairs administration in Palestine by Arab League Political Committee.

Refers to Cairo telegram 783 (E7570/375/31).

Press of 11 July has published text of communiqué issued by Secretary General of Arab League stating that at meeting on 8 Jul, Political Committee decided to create a temporary civil affairs administration. The administration will concern itself with purely civil affairs, and details of its jurisdiction are given. The Administration will be guided by the Arab League Council or Political Committee as regards policy and finance. Constitution of the Administrative Council is given.

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(Minutes.)

This saving tel. gives details of a rather related attempt on the part of the Arabs to produce a civil administration for the parts of Palestine wh. they occupy, & some details of its composition.

Lance Russell. 20/7

Egyptian Dept. 21/7

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Research Dept. (who may be able to comment on some of its members)

notes on those members known to us attached
BKS
16/8.

H.B. 20/7

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1. AHMAD HILMI PASHA was born in 1884. He is of Albanian origin and served as a Turkish finance official until 1918. He was Finance Minister to King Feisal during the latter's short period of rule in Syria, from whence he was exiled by the French owing to his association with extreme Arab political movements. He served in Amman from 1922-24 as Finance Minister. He had to leave both Transjordan and Palestine owing to his political activities as a member of the Istiqlal party. Later he was permitted to re-enter Palestine as result of the intercession of the Mufti. He and his son-in-law Abdul Hamid Shuman founded the Arab Bank, but, later on falling out with his partner, he established in 1933 the Arab National Bank, of which he is the present chairman. He also was responsible in 1935 for the renaissance of the "People's Fund", which had as its aim the buying up of arab land which might otherwise have fallen into Jewish hands. His efforts met with only moderate success. Various plans to amalgamate the fund with the Beit al-Mal, the fund administered by the Mufti, have never materialised. Having achieved a prominent position among the Palestinian Arabs through his financial influence, he was appointed a member of the first Arab Higher Committee. He was deported with other members of the Committee to the Seychelles, from whence he was permitted to return to Palestine in 1940. He was elected to the second Arab Higher Committee formed in November, 1945. Recognising the potential strength of the Jews, he aimed at procuring unity among the Palestine Arabs, and favoured the launching of a revolution before the termination of the Mandatory Government. Never a friend of the Husseini faction, he has latterly shown himself as opposed to the Mufti. After the termination of the Mandate he was the only member of the Arab Higher Committee left in Jerusalem, of which he has apparently become the Arab Military Governor.

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2. JAMAL AL-HUSSEINI is a distant cousin of the Mufti and during the period of the mandate acted as the political leader of his supporters in Palestine. He was secretary of the Arab Executive formed in 1921 and later of the Supreme Muslim Council from which he resigned to form the Palestine Arab party, of which he ultimately became president. An extreme nationalist, he was always violently anti-Zionist and opposed to British policy in Palestine. He took a leading part in the disturbances of 1933 and in the first phase of those of 1936-7. He followed the Mufti into exile first in Syria and then to Iraq. On the collapse of the Rashid Ali rebellion in 1941, he fled to Persia, where he was later captured by the British and deported to Southern Rhodesia. When he returned to Palestine after his release in 1946, he quickly recaptured his position as one of the dominant leaders there. He was a member of the first Arab Higher Committee and is Vice-President of the present Committee, which was reformed in 1945. He was a member of all the four Arab delegations which came to London in 1930, 1936, 1939 and 1947 respectively. He headed the Arab Palestinian Delegation, representing the Higher Committee, which gave evidence before the Ad Hoc Committee at Lake Success in the autumn of 1947. He is married to a sister of Musa al-Alami, and of late it appears as if he might well renounce his support of the Mufti in favour of a closer political relationship with his brother-in-law.

3. AUNI ABDEL HADI BEY belongs to a well-known Jenin and Nablus family. He studied law in Turkey and France. He was one of the originators of the Arab secret society, al-Fatat, founded in Paris in 1911, which became known as the Arab Independence Party (Hizb al-Istiqlal al-Arabi) in 1919, when it became possible for it to function openly. He was private secretary to King Faisal I during his brief reign at Damascus. After King Faisal's fall he returned to

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Palestine and became head of a branch of the Istiqlal party. After serving Amir Abdullah for a short period, he became Legal Adviser to the Supreme Muslim Council. He also acted as secretary for a time to the first Arab Executive and again to the Higher Arab Committee (1936-7). He presented the Arab case to the Shaw Commission (1929) and the Wailing Wall Commission. He was a member of the Arab Delegations which went to London in 1930 and 1939. He was amongst those who were responsible for the disturbances in Jerusalem in 1930 and ~~in~~ the later disturbances of 1936-7. He was interned and, after his release, was for a time excluded from Palestine. Although an ardent pan-Arabist and anti-Zionist, he was not essentially opposed to the British. During the late war he favoured the Arabs coming ^{to} terms with the Allies, but received little support. He has always striven to unify the various Arab political parties in Palestine, and ~~was~~ never a keen supporter of the Husseini faction, he is now reported ^{to be} ~~and now~~ aspiring to take over the political leadership from the Mufti.

4. DOCTOR HUSSEIN FAKRI AL-KHALIDI belongs to an old and distinguished Palestinian family, who ~~were~~ traditionally opposed to the Husseinis. He received his diploma in medicine in Istanbul and served as a doctor with the Turkish Army in the first World War but after the British occupation of Palestine, he joined King Faisal's Army. From 1921-1934 he served in the Palestine Health Department. He resigned from the department in order to stand for the position of Mayor of Jerusalem in the municipal elections, which he procured by defeating the former Mayor, Raghib Bey Nashashibi, with whom until that time he had made common cause against the Husseinis. However, in order to succeed in the elections Dr. Khalidi made his peace with the Mufti at the expense of Raghib Bey. The Reform Party, which he formed for the purpose of strengthening his position after

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he became Mayor, has never had any considerable influence over public opinion, although his personal views are respected. He was a member of the first Arab Higher Committee and was deported to the Seychelles in 1937. On its reformation in 1945, he became secretary of the Committee. He was a member of the Arab Delegations which attended the Conferences in London in 1939 and 1947. At the end of 1947, he was stated to be the leader of the members of the Higher Arab Committee who were opposed to the Mufti.

5. SULEIMAN BEY ABDUL RAZZAQ TOUKAN belongs to a well-known Nablus family. He was at first a minor Turkish official at as-Salt in Transjordan. Although he served with the Turkish army during the first World War, he was a member of a secret Arab society. He returned to Nablus in 1920. Moderate in his views, he defended the proposal for a Legislative Council in 1922, an act which aroused the anger of the extreme nationalists. He was appointed Mayor of Nablus in 1926 and re-elected to the same position in 1934. He is the most influential member of the National Defence Party of which Raghib Bey Nashashibi is the nominal head. He is reported to have a close relationship with King Abdullah and is, of course, opposed to the Husseini faction.
6. MICHEL ABKARIUS BEY is a Christian Arab. He is probably identical with M.F. Abkarius who served in the Treasury and Secretariat of the Palestine Government. In 1946 he published a book on Palestine in which he criticised British policy in the country as also the administration, which he blamed for failing to give to Palestinians positions of sufficient responsibility.
7. EL-SAYED RAGA'I EL-HUSSEINI is a kinsman of the Mufti. He was Director for a time of the Arab Office in London. He represented the Higher Arab Committee at the special

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meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations held
in April/May 1947.

8. EL-SAYED YOUSSEF SAHYOUN is a Greek Orthodox lawyer. He
is a member of the Arab Higher Committee. He was a member
of the Arab Delegation which came to London in January, 1947.

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Your telegram No. 114 Saving [of 12th July:
Civil administration in Palestine].

It now seems evident that a settlement of
the kind contemplated by Count Bernadotte,
providing, however, for two separate states and
not for a confederation, is the most favourable
possible solution from the Arab point of view.
It is our aim to bring about a settlement on
these lines, based upon the acquiescence if not
the agreement of the parties directly concerned.

2. It must be presumed that the period of
truce will be utilised by the Jews to establish
an effective administration not only in those
parts of their November state which are behind
their military lines, but also in the Arab areas
which they have occupied, such as Central and
Northern Galilee. If the Arabs are to be in a
position to bargain on equal terms, it is
essential that they should also establish some
real authority in the areas behind the lines
occupied by their forces. This is particularly
important in the area to the south of the
Egyptian front line. The greater part of this
area was awarded to the Jews last November, and

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the Jewish settlements there are still holding out and presumably maintaining contact with Tel Aviv. We shall have great difficulty in supporting the Arab claim to retain ~~this~~ part of Palestine unless it can be shown that it is in fact and not in name only under Arab administration during the truce.

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No. 1267.
July 22nd, 1948.

D: 10.0.p.m. July 22nd, 1948.

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Bagdad	No. 806,	Jerusalem	No. 515,
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Damascus	No. 520,	Washington	No. 8102.
Jedda	No. 647,		

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Addressed to Cairo telegram No. 1267 22nd July, repeated for information to Amman, Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda, British Middle East Office (Cairo), Jerusalem, United Kingdom Delegation New York and Washington.

Your telegram No. 114 Saving [of 12th July: Civil administration in Palestine].

It now seems evident that a settlement of the kind contemplated by Count Bernadotte, providing however for two separate states and not for a confederation, is the most favourable possible solution from the Arab point of view. It is our aim to bring about a settlement on these lines, based upon the acquiescence if not the agreement of the parties directly concerned.

2. It must be presumed that the period of truce will be utilised by the Jews to establish an effective administration not only in those parts of their November state which are behind their military lines, but also in the Arab areas which they have occupied, such as Central and Northern Galilee. If the Arabs are to be in a position to bargain on equal terms it is essential that they should also establish some real authority in the areas behind the lines occupied by their forces. This is particularly important in the area to the south of the Egyptian front line. The greater part of this area was awarded to the Jews last November, and the Jewish settlements there are still holding out and presumably maintaining contact with Tel Aviv. We shall have great difficulty in supporting the Arab claim to retain this part of Palestine unless it can be shown that it is in fact and not in name only under Arab administration during the truce.

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Damascus	No. 820,	Washington	No. 8108.
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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R. Campbell
No. 114 Saving

July 12th, 1948.

R. July 13th, 1948.

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Jedda, Jerusalem, Haifa, United
Kingdom Delegation New York and
Washington.

Addressed to Foreign Office No. 114 Saving July 12th
repeated Saving to Amman, Beirut, Bagdad, Damascus,
Jedda, Jerusalem, Haifa, United Kingdom Delegation New
York and Washington.

My telegram No. 785: Palestine.

Press of July 11th has published text of communiqué issued by Secretary General of Arab League stating that at its meeting on July 8th Political Committee of Arab League, in agreement with responsible Palestinian organisations, approved creation of a temporary civil administration in Palestine for conduct of civil affairs. Administration would not be concerned with political questions for the time being. It will be directed by a Council consisting of a president and nine members who will direct and control general administrative questions, justice, hygiene, social affairs, communications, finance, national economy, agriculture, public security and propaganda. Jurisdiction of Administrative Council will extend to all areas at present occupied by Arab armies and to those which will be occupied later until it extends to whole of Arab Palestine. Its officials will be recruited from Arab officials whose services were terminated on expiration of British Mandate. Regulations and laws in force at expiration of British Mandate will be maintained with exception of those which conflict with Arab public interest. Council of Arab League or Governments of Arab countries will fix the attributions of the Council and its members and those of Military Governors appointed by Arab armies of occupation in various areas. The Civil Administrative Council will be guided by the decisions and directives of Arab League Council or Political Committee. Arab League Council will promulgate the constitution of the administrative body and designate its members. Council of Arab League or Political Committee will decide to grant this administration a loan or gift of money for necessary expenses until it is able to collect taxes.

2. Administrative Council is composed as follows:-

Ahmed Helmi Pasha (President and General
Administrative Affairs)

Jamal El-Husseini Bey (Internal Public Security)

/Auni Abdel Hadi Bey

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Auni Abdel Hadi Bey	(Social Affairs)
Dr. Hussein Fakhry El-Khalidi	(Hygiene)
Seliman Toukan Bey	(Communications)
Michel Abkariens Bey	(Finance)
Ali Hosna Bey	(Justice)
El-Sayed Raga'i El-Husseini	(National Economy)
El-Sayed Youssef Sahyeun	(Propaganda)
El-Sayed Amin Akl	(Agriculture)

5. Communiqué concludes by expressing hope that this decision will constitute the beginning of a new era in which Palestine may be able to take charge of their own affairs and the preparation for their enjoyment of independence.

4. Text follows by bag.

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27 JUL 1948

Registry
Number 10062/375/31
FROM

J. H. Leche
SANTIAGO
No. 270

Dated 13th July
Received 27th "
in Registry

Arab activities in Chile.

Encloses copy of the Arab paper "Alwatan" and a
memorandum by Mr. D. Revel Dick giving all possible
information about "Alwatan"
Gives comments on the activities of the Arab
community in Chile.

Last Paper

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Don Nicolas Yanur's remarks may be taken as
indicative of Arab sentiment as a whole.

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S.A. Dept. 10/4/48
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BY AIR BAG

No. 270

Sir,

For some time past, as it was to be expected, the local Jews in their paper "Mundo Judío" have been attacking the policy of Great Britain in Palestine. Two days ago the Arabs sent me a copy of their paper "Alwatan", which is attached. Hitherto "Alwatan" has been a very ordinary little broadsheet indeed, and the present well got up edition in honour of the new Egyptian Minister Mohamed Bey El Said, who is apparently in charge of nationals of States members of the Arab League, seems to show that we may expect an intensified Arab propaganda.

2. I therefore asked the First Secretary for Information to find out what he could about "Alwatan". Mr. Dick has now furnished me with a memorandum, copy of which is attached hereto, reporting a conversation with Don Nicolas Yarur, an extremely wealthy Arab who is one of the leaders of the Arab community here. The views expressed by Señor Yarur had been repeated to me on broad lines by the new Egyptian Minister.

3. It is noteworthy that Señor Yarur and his brother have always been firm friends of Great Britain and have contributed very large sums to the British war effort and to various British Community undertakings.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant

The Right Honourable
Ernest Bevin, M.P.,
&c., &c., &c.,

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

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Memorandum by Mr. D. Revel Dick

July 7th, 1948.

Yesterday afternoon I asked Don Nicolas Yarur to come and see me, which he very kindly did and spent about half an hour talking to me about the position of the Arabs in Chile. He said that "Alwatan" was edited by the Secretary of the Frente Unido de la Juventud Arabe, but he, as President of the Central Committee of the Arabs in Chile, was keeping a close watch on the publication. He said that at times the young members of the Arab Community were inclined to become heated in their writing but he had asked them to go easy.

I asked Don Nicolas what was happening vis-a-vis the Jews and he said that he had had a talk to the Head of the Jewish propaganda department, Dr. Tannenbaum, and both had agreed that they would not enter into a "blood and thunder" campaign against each other. They would not attack each other "racially" but of course they reserved the right to state their respective cases. President Gonzalez Videla had asked Yarur and the Jews to keep their publicity campaigns under control as he did not want to have any more complications thrust upon him as Chile had enough to contend with already.

I then asked him how the Arabs felt as far as the British were concerned, and he said that they were appreciative of what we had done, but that the general feeling amongst the Arabs, and he spoke not only for the Arabs in Chile as he quoted from letters received from the Arab League, was that they felt that Great Britain should do more to help them. Were the British to assist them more directly than at present he firmly believed that we should have the Arab countries on our side forever. As we were talking confidentially I pointed out that it was hardly likely that we could do more than we were doing as after all we could not fall out with the United States, who had already recognised the State of Israel. Don Nicolas admitted of course that this was so, but nevertheless he seemed to be under the impression that sooner or later we would come out into the open. He said that the feeling amongst the Arabs was very anti-American as they (the Americans) had been so quick off the mark in recognising the State of Israel. He also added something which struck me as being rather odd and that was that in view of the United States attitude towards the Arabs, who are not in the least inclined towards communism on account of their religion, felt that perhaps they would prefer Russia if they had to be dominated by anybody rather than give way to the United States pressure which had been exercised on the United Nations to suggest the partition of Palestine. He said the Arabs would never agree to the partition and in that they were absolutely definite.

To summarise, I cannot say that I was able to get very much information out of Nicolas Yarur, who after all is perhaps only a figure head, although he doubtless puts up much of the money to organise the Arab propaganda campaign here. Much of what he told me of course is old news, but the only thing which did impress me was the sincerity with which he spoke about the unity of the Arab nations and their determination to resist the division of Palestine.-

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Registry Number E10241/375/31

TELEGRAM FROM
Sir R. Campbell, CAIRO.

No. 1134.
Top Secret.
Dated 31.7.48.
Received in Registry 2.8.48.

Arab Civil Administration in Palestine.

Repeated to Amman, Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jeddah, Jerusalem No.132, UNDEL New York No.132 and Washington No.134.
Refers to Foreign Office telegram to Cairo No.1267 of 22 July (E9552/375/31). There is no evidence that the provisional civil administration is operating as an effective organism. Warns against dangers of using argument that Arabs have established a real authority behind their lines to secure the lands claimed by the Arabs.

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Although the Arab League have appointed a committee to look after civil administration in Palestine it is obvious that little further progress has been made.
Para: 3 contains a point worth bearing in mind.

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FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R. Campbell.
No. 1,134.

D: 8.00 p.m. 31st July, 1948.

31st July, 1948.

R: 9.21 p.m. 31st July, 1948.

Repeated to: Amman,
Bagdad,
Beirut,
Damascus,
Jedda,
Jerusalem,
U.K. Delegation New York,
Washington.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1,134 of July 31st repeated for the information Amman, Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda, Jerusalem, U.K. Delegation New York and Washington.

Your telegram No. 1,267. *E0552/375/31*

Palestine.

There is no evidence at present available here that the provisional civil administration referred to in paragraph 3 of your telegram under reference is yet operating as an effective organism.

2. Although it is true that some Jewish colonies in Negeb have been holding out it seems doubtful whether their resistance can have been quite so strong as paragraph 2 of your telegram under reference seems to imply. During the first truce some of those colonies had to be supplied by the Jews by road convoys, for the movement of which Egyptian agreement had to be obtained. This argues that they were cut off before the truce, and to that extent there seems to be some case for maintaining that the Egyptians were in control of their occupied area even though there may have been small pockets of Jews inside it.

3. I would however submit that there might be some danger in using the proposed argument since [grp.undec.] part of what I assume to be included in the rather general term "Negeb" is under Jewish control, although an Arab allocation. To claim that Negeb should remain Arab because occupied by the Egyptians may therefore become somewhat of a boomerang

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if the same argument were applied by the Jews to the area between for example Artuf and Beit Jali, profitable land bordering on original Jerusalem enclave, and allocated to the Arabs.

Foreign Office please pass Jerusalem, U.K.Delegation New York and Washington as my telegrams Nos. 132, 132 and 124 respectively.

[Repeated to Jerusalem, U.K.Delegation New York and Washington]

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<p>Registry Number: E10393/375/31</p> <p>TELEGRAM FROM General, JERUSALEM. No. 348 Dated 3.8.48 Received in Registry 5.8.48</p>	<p>Admin. in Palestine: non-arrival of members of the projected administration</p> <p>Refers Foreign Office telegram No. 1267 to Cairo, of 22nd July (E9552/375/31). None of the members of the projected administration has arrived in Palestine, with the exception of Ahmed Hilmi Pasha</p> <p>Repeated to United Kingdom Delegation, New York, Washington, and Jeddah.</p>
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>E10241</i></p> <p>References.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Minutes.)</p> <p>This confirms the impression we have gained from telegram from Sharqia that the Arab Civil administration in occupied Palestine has little existence except on paper.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>James Kirkell. S: viii</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>D.B. 5/8</i></p> <p>M.E.S. on 7/8 M.E.I.D. on 10/8 Research Dept. on 12/8</p>
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His Majesty's Consul General

No. 340

3rd August, 1948.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 340 of August 3rd repeated for information to B.M.E.O. (Cairo), Amman, Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda, U. K. Del. New York, Washington, and saving to Haifa.

E 9552/375/31

Your telegram No. 1267 to Cairo:

Arab League administration in Palestine.

Although well over three weeks have now elapsed since the announcement, none of the members of the projected administration with the exception of Ahmed Hilmi Pasha (who in any case lives here) has made a move to come to Palestine.

2. Scheme for Arab League administration thus appears to have been still-born, largely due, I think, to there being too many midwives in attendance.

Foreign Office please pass to U.K. Del. New York Washington and Jedda as my telegrams Nos. 75, 29 and 41 respectively.

[Repeated to U.K. Del. New York, Washington and Jedda.]

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Registry Number E10460/375/31

TELEGRAM FROM
Consul General
Jerusalem
No. 347Dated 5th Aug
Received in Registry 7th "Arab Civil Administration in Palestine.

Refers Foreign Office telegram No, 1267 to Cairo dated 22nd July (E9552/375/31) Egyptian control of Southern Palestine, is strictly limited to the four civil administrative centres of Gaza, Hebron, Beersheba, and Bethlehem.

Informed by traveller that almost all Jewish settlements in Negev are intact and that Gaza/Beersheba is denied to Egyptian traffic by two Jewish settlements which sit astride it.

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FROM JERUSALEM TO FOREIGN OFFICE

H.M. Consul-General

No. 547

5th August, 1948.

D. 2.57 p.m. 5th August, 1948.

R. 4.10 p.m. 5th August, 1948.

Repeated to: Cairo (B.M.E.O.)

Saving to Amman

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Damascus

Jedda

U.K. Del. New York

Washington.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 547 of 5th August repeated for information to Cairo, B.M.E.O. (Cairo please pass as my telegram No. 46) and Saving to Amman, Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda, U.K. Delegation New York and Washington.

E 9552/375/31

Your telegram No. 1267 to Cairo and Cairo Telegram No. 1154 to you.

Egyptian control of Southern Palestine, so far as I can gather, is strictly limited to the four civil administrative centres of Gaza, Hebron, Beersheba and Bethlehem with narrow coastal strip up through [gp undec. ? Gaza] to Isdud and the only east/west line of ingress being Majdal - Hebron road. I am informed by a traveller of yesterday that almost all Jewish settlements in Negev are intact and that Gaza/Beersheba is denied to Egyptian traffic by two Jewish settlements which sit astride it. Egyptian administrative efficiency is favourably commented here but their failure or unwillingness to occupy settlements is frequently a source of criticism.

Foreign Office please pass to U.K. Delegation New York and Washington as my Savings Nos. 1 and 2 respectively.

[Repeated Saving to U.K. Delegation New York and to Washington]

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Registry Number E11100/375/31

FROM

R. L. Speaight

CAIRO

No. 1/1216/48

Dated

Received in Registry 19th Aug
24th "

Summary translation of article from weekly review "Akhbar el Yom" dated August 14th, reporting the growth of an opinion among certain Egyptian statesmen in favour of the partition of Palestine and the reasons therefor.

Refers Foreign Office telegram to Beirut No, 516 (E8137/4/31)

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I imagine that CAIRO shd: let well alone for the time being. Lanc. Postell. 24.viii.

Egyptian Dept. 14/9.
M.E.I. Dept. 11/9.
Research Dept. 23/9

This has already been referred to in the Cairo "Weekly Mandate" press report of 20/viii (W/2 139 Saving). At a meeting on 23/viii I drew to it the attention of News Dept, Arab News Agency & Shargh el Adna. I do not think that Cairo should put out any direct written propaganda.

D. Balfour 28/8

I agree

H.B. 9/9

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Dear Department,

I enclose herewith a summary translation of an article in the weekly review "Akhbar el Yom" of August 14th, reporting the growth of an opinion among certain Egyptian statesmen in favour of the partition of Palestine and the reasons therefor. The "Akhbar el Yom" is a usually well-informed journal and this article, for what it is worth, is the first open indication that we have seen of any tendency in Egyptian political circles to veer away from the oft-repeated and uncompromising opposition to any form of partition. So far no other Egyptian newspaper has seen fit to publish a favourable comment on this idea. Those newspapers which have taken up the "Akhbar el Yom"s article have attacked it as being the kind of propaganda which could only benefit the Zionists. These newspapers are the Independent "Ahram" and three pro-Wafdist journals.

2. We have considered whether it would be expedient, now that such an idea has been openly mooted in the local press, to put out some cautious propaganda of our own in favour of Arab acquiescence in a form of partition involving the existence of a Jewish State but in view of paragraph 2 of Foreign Office telegram No. 516 to Beirut of June 17th we have refrained from doing so. We felt that any boost by us, however cautious, might risk giving the appearance of condoning the idea alluded to in "Akhbar el Yom"s article that the ultimate objective should be the eventual extinction of a Jewish State set up with the blessing of the United Nations Organisation. There is also the danger of creating a false impression by the implication that His Majesty's Government intend to recognise the State of Israel in the not distant future. We are therefore waiting to see whether the reported tendency to regard partition as the lesser of two evils gains some spontaneous momentum locally before considering further whether or not it would be appropriate for us to give it a shove. (The above refers to written propaganda; we naturally in conversation encourage Egyptians to face the facts of the situation.)

3. We shall be grateful if you will show this letter to Egyptian and Information Departments.

4. I am sending copies of this letter to Beirut, Damascus, Baghdad, Amman, Jerusalem, Jedda, Haifa, United Kingdom Delegation, New York and Washington and to Brigadier Clayton.

Yours ever,

R. S. Speyer

Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
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"Akhbar el Yom" (weekly): 14th August.

xx Under the heading, "Some Egyptian Statesmen consider that a Unitary Palestine is more dangerous than the Jewish State", states that some Egyptian Statesmen are of the opinion that it is not in the public interest that the Arab Governments should favour the establishment of an unitary Jewish-Arab State in Palestine. This Unitary State is more dangerous than partition. Arab policy should be to get rid completely of the Jews in Palestine. The plea of these statesmen is that the presence of a comparatively big minority of rich and cultured Jews in Palestine will enable them to dominate the Arab minority. If four million Jews in America are able to dominate 120 million Americans, it would not be difficult for one million Jews to dominate 1½ million Arabs. In that case the Arabs will be the nominal governors of the country while the Jews will be the actual governors. Under the veil of Palestine being an Arab country, its Jewish subjects will be able to penetrate into all Middle Eastern countries and deluge them with their industrial products, until they become at last the owners of the whole of Palestine. Those Statesmen also consider that in the event of the United Nations Organisation imposing on Arab countries the establishment of a Jewish State, the Arabs would be able to annihilate it in some years for various reasons. The first of them is that this State will be compelled to show its face and appear as Communist or democratic. Should it join America, Russia will fight it, and should it join Russia, it will be opposed by America, Britain and France. By refusing to recognise it the Arab States will not have commercial dealings with it and so paralyse its industries. They will prevent its subjects from entering their countries, and thus suffocate the alleged State. It will be compelled to continue to spend funds on a large army without resources. It is impossible for any State to live on charity. The assistance given by the Jews in America and Europe may continue for a year or two, but it will not take long after that for it to collapse. These Statesmen have expressed their views to some high personalities and suggested that these considerations should be referred to the Arab League Council in order to ascertain the danger of any big minority in a State like Palestine. Those Statesmen consider that the aim of the Arab States should be to turn the Jews out of the whole of Palestine. This may take ten years, but there is no doubt that it will be possible to achieve.

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Registry
Number E 11862/ 375/31FROM Mr. Trott, Jedda.
to Mr. Wright.

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Dated

Received
in RegistryThe Amir Feisal's views on the Jewish problem.

Given to Mr. Trott on 26th August.

cpd) Sir J. Troutbeck.

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This is interesting, being clearly ~~not~~
an expression not of hostility to the United
States but of desire for better Arab-American
relations.

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British Embassy,
11862 JEDDA :

4th September 1948.

Mr. Troutbeck was for the
with
Dear Wright,

The Amir Faisal has not been to Jedda *9.7* since he returned from his arduous conversations in London, but when I was at Taif for a couple of days last week, the Brigadier and I had the opportunity of paying a call on him. I thought it worth while to record what he said in a summary form, and enclose the record herein. You will observe that he did not say that the Arabs would never allow the Jews to form a State in Palestine. I have not recorded a few obvious replies which I made, but His Royal Highness was apparently anxious to say a lot (he seems to be developing the trick of soliloquy, rather like his father) and he did not give me a chance of saying much.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir J. Troutbeck.

Yours sincerely
A.C. Frost

M.R. Wright, Esq., C.M.G.,
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Enclosure in Jedda un-numbered letter of 4th September 1948.

Notes on the Amir Feisal's observations at Taif, Thursday,
26th August 1948.

The Amir began by saying that he hoped that in the coming months and years we should take very opportunity of guiding the Americans. He knew that nation well. He regarded them as a collection of materialists. No one who had not lived among them could realise how greatly they were preoccupied with material things, and how thoroughly they were dominated by the dollar. Most of their conversation was concerned with arguing about wealth.

The Jews had cleverly exploited this peculiarity (which he was glad to observe was not a characteristic of the British). The Jews had got control of most of the newspapers and many of the government departments by a process of bribery. Their influence was felt everywhere, especially in New York. It was true (as I pointed out) that their foreign representatives supplied the State Department with accurate reports about conditions abroad. But those reports made very little impression in the United States of America. And when an official became too anti-Jew, the Jewish influence secured his removal: e.g. the transfer of Mr. Loy Henderson to India. Mr. Marshall was fully aware of the Arabs' case and did his best, but unfortunately he had been a soldier, and military discipline prevented him from arguing about the orders of his superior officer, the President.

The beginnings of the Jewish problem were the fault of the British, and the influence of the Jews even in Great Britain was shown by the fact that the first High Commissioner for Palestine was a Jew. Well, the Jews, having now found that the British would not serve their purpose had turned to the Soviet Union. Let there be no mistake about that.

The Amir gave a great deal of attention to the recognition of Israel by the United States of America. The United States of America representative at Lake Success did not even know about it, though the Soviet representative did! The State Department had not even been informed. The timing of the announcement was most remarkable; a joke was going round that a new aeroplane had been invented which would go so fast that it equalled the speed with which the United States of America recognised the State of Israel.

The struggle with the Soviets was reaching a critical stage. He knew that no one wanted war. But he feared that if the inevitable struggle did not come soon it would be too late: Russia would absorb and subjugate all her recent possessions and it would be impossible to conquer her in say ten years' time.

But the Near East was a key-area. The British ought to realise, and to impress on the Americans, the obvious fact that the Arabs were in a position of great importance from a strategic as well as an economic point of view. Even if he were not an Arab he would say that now was the time for us to cultivate the friendship of the Arabs and to help them in every possible way.

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CAIRO (Gairo)
No. 349.

Dated 11th
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Assam Pasha gives views to Mediator on Palestine

Reported to Mr. Clayton by Assam Pasha on 10th
Sept.

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Assam Pasha 11. 14. 11.

We have information from another source that Assam
now speaks of the Jewish State as a fait accompli.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 349 of September 11th repeated to Bagdad, Damascus, Beirut, Amman, U.K. Del. New York, Washington, and saving to Cairo, Jedda, Jerusalem.

Palestine.

In the course of conversation with Clayton yesterday Azzam described his last conversation with the Mediator. According to him the latter said he did not propose putting forward any definite solution to the Security Council but a law based on inevitability of a Jewish State.

2. Azzam replied that Arab States could not at this stage be expected to acquiesce in such an assumption much less accept it. They did not admit yet that a Jewish State was inevitable. Furthermore he urged Mediator had been charged with task of finding a solution. Real obstacle in the way of this was in his opinion [grps undec.] the union of very large minority in Jewish area. They were before their flight almost equal in numbers to Jews. He suggested to Mediator that logical answer to this was cantonization of Jewish State itself into Jewish and Arab areas if necessary by transference of populations in it. (He used words "Jewish State" to Clayton).

3. Other desiderata were he said internationalization of Haifa, Jaffa and Jerusalem at least until some final solution was realized. This would reduce size of refugees by some 200,000 as people from these towns would be able to go back at once.

4. Azzam said that Mediator did not react unfavourably to either suggestion but gave no answer.

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 5. It is interesting that Azam in this conversation appears to have recognized implicitly eventual establishment of a Jewish State though just as unwilling as ever to admit it now.

Foreign Office please pass to U.K. Del. New York and Washington as my telegrams 102 Misc and 81 respectively.

[Repeated to U.K. Del. New York and Washington]

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TELEGRAM FROM
Mr. Evans, Beirut.
No. 668.

Dated 9th
Received in Registry 13th Sept.

Arab League Political Committee's views on attitude of Mediator to Arab cause.

Impressions of Lebanese Prime Minister at Alexandria.

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King's Hall. 14:ix.

The Arabs are reported here to have reason to believe that the Mediator will not make "definite proposals".
The Jews have been left by him with the same impression.

J Balfour
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Mr. Evans

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Amman, Damascus and Saving to Jedda.

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Addressed to the Foreign Office telegram No. 668
of 9th September, repeated for information to Cairo,
B.M.E.O., Bagdad, Amman, Damascus, Jerusalem and Saving
to Jedda.

Palestine: Arab League Political Committee.

Minister for Foreign Affairs today gave me for information telegram from Lebanese Prime Minister at Alexandria. Impression there was that the Mediator was now showing more understanding for the Arab case. In particular the Mediator had made it clear that he held the Jews responsible for the events in Jerusalem. As regards the solution of the Palestine problem the Mediator had indicated that he was elaborating general principles involved and would if necessary report to the Paris meeting of the United Nations Assembly. Lebanese Prime Minister believed however that the Mediator would not (repeat not) submit definite proposals. This, the Lebanese Prime Minister added was to the advantage of Arabs in view of forthcoming Presidential Elections in the United States.

Foreign Office please pass to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 69.

[Repeated to Jerusalem]

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TELEGRAM FROM
Mr. Andrews, Cairo.
No. 1292.

Dated 16th
Received in Registry } 16th Sept.

Cairo press report that a Palestine Arab Government
is about to be formed, backed by Arab States,
and claiming whole of Palestine.

Refers to F.O. tel: 1267 (E 9552/375/31)

Source- Cairo paper "Misri".

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In this connection see also Haifa Tel 636 (attached).

Leam Plunkett. 17:12

Now see E 12098.

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Mr Chapman Andrews
No. 1292

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Washington
New York (U.K. Delegation)

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Addressed Foreign Office telegram No. 1292 of 16th September, repeated for information to Amman, Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda, Jerusalem, Washington and United Kingdom Delegation New York.

Your telegram No. 1267.

Palestine.

Newspaper "Misri" which is often better well-informed than most local dailies reports that according to a highly placed Arab source, a Palestine Arab Government will be formed within the next few days under Ahmed Helmi Pasha who was appointed head of provisional civil administration whose formation was reported in Sir Ronald Campbell's telegram No. 114 (S). "Misri" states that although Mufti will take part in preliminary discussions he will not actually be a member of proposed government which will be composed of twelve ministers with eventually an elected legislative assembly of eighty members.

2. "Misri" also reports that governments of Arab states will assist proposed Palestinian Arab Government to gain international recognition that proposed government will declare the boundaries of the Palestine Arab States to be those of the whole of Palestine and that a Palestinian Army will be formed under its authority. Those members of the Higher Arab Committee who are now in Cairo (they include Ahmed Helmi Pasha and the Mufti) are reported to be discussing the elaboration of a democratic constitution for Palestine and formation of a national assembly composed of chiefs of municipalities and other notables which would apparently function until a legislative assembly can be elected.

Foreign Office pass to Washington and United Kingdom Delegation New York as my telegrams Nos 137 and 143 respectively.
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TELEGRAM FROM
EMEO (Cairo)

No. 361.

Dated 16th

Received in Registry 18th Sept.

Reported Arab League resolution to recognise an
all Palestine Arab Government, if formed.

Reported source - Azzam.

Opinions differ as to whether Mufti will head this
Govt.

Refers to Cairo tel: 1292 (E 12060/375/31)

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 561 16th September
repeated to Jeddah, Bagdad, Amman, Beirut, Damascus,
Washington, Jerusalem and Saving to Cairo.

Cairo telegram No. 1292 to you: Palestine.

From information received from a source who had it
from Amman it appears that on the final day of the
meeting of Political Committee of Arab League in Alexandria
a resolution was passed that if the Arabs of Palestine
proclaim an Arab Government for the whole of Palestine it
will be recognized by the League. Such a Government will,
it is said, be proclaimed before the meeting of United
Nations. According to source the Mufti will not form
part of this Government. This agrees with what Amman
said yesterday, but local press today says that he will
lead the State. I do not think that this last step is
likely now that if taken it will be approved by the
League as at least two members of the latter would oppose
it.

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telegram No. 84.

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Assembly, Paris.

My telegram No. 1589 to Cairo
[of September 18 : Arab Government in
Palestine].

These views were expressed
~~During a call at the Foreign~~
~~Office which the Saudi Arabian Ambassador~~
~~in the course of a conversation on other~~
~~made on another matter, the views in~~
~~the telegram under reference were~~
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20th September, repeated for information to
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Assembly, Paris (United Kingdom Delegation).

My telegram No. 1589 to Cairo [of
September 18th: Arab Government in Palestine.]

These views were expressed to the
Saudi Arabian Ambassador in the course of a
conversation on other subjects at the Foreign
Office on September 20th.

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Mr. Dumas, Damascus
No. 487.

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~~Decisions of recent Arab League meeting according to 12174/375/31~~

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Mr. Dundas

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B.M.E.O. and Saving to Jedda.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 487 of 16th
September, repeated for information to Beirut, Cairo,
Amman, Bagdad, B.M.E.O. and Saving to Jedda.

Arab League.

Syrian Minister for Foreign Affairs spoke briefly
about recent meeting of the Political Committee of the
Arab League. My telegram No. 486 gives details of action
taken about Hyderabad. Other points which he mentioned,
which I have not seen recorded in the press, were

(a) the League had told Palestine Mediator that they
could agree to no solution which did not include arrange-
ments for the return of Arab refugees to their homes.

(b) Palestine administration which they hoped to set
up would not include the ex-Murti.

(c) Nothing had been agreed about closer Arab military
co-operation in the event of a Jewish attack.

2. The Minister for Foreign Affairs gave me the
impression that the Arab Governments had given up any
intention of resumption of hostilities in Palestine unless
they were attacked by the Jews. In that case they would
do their best to defend themselves.

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<p>Registry Number E 12192/375/31</p> <p>Mr. C. A. ...</p> <p>No. 1500 Cairo.</p> <p>Dated 17th</p> <p>Received in Registry 20th Sept.</p>	<p>Cairo "Arab" reports Arab Committee has ...</p> <p>Refers to Cairo tel: 1292 (E 12060/375/31)</p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p>E 12174</p> <p>References.</p> <p>(Print.)</p> <p>(How disposed of.)</p> <p>8) Rel sent (u/c 61221/1221/31) Sept 21</p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p>I imagine that King Abdullah will not agree to a projected Palestine Govt. at all.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(same Dist. 11. 21:ix)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">BMB3</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">76.9</p>	
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Mr. Chapman Andrews.
No. 1502.

D. 6.21 p.m. 17th September, 1948.

17th September, 1948. R. 8.20 p.m. 17th September, 1948.

Repeated to Amman, Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda,
Jerusalem, Washington, U.K. Del. New York,
U.K. Del. Paris.

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1502
of 17th September, repeated for information Amman,
Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Jedda, Washington, Jerusalem,
U.K. Del. New York and U.K. Del. Paris.

My telegram 1292. *1286 of 371/31*
Palestine.

"Ahram" reports that Higher Arab Committee has
decided to delegate Ahmed Hilmi Pasha to visit Amman
to ascertain whether King Abdullah would agree to the
projected Palestine Arab Government having its seat in
Jerusalem. He would also apparently discuss with
His Majesty composition of proposed government.

Foreign Office please pass Washington, U.K.
Del. New York and U.K. Del. Paris as my telegrams
138, 144 and 15 respectively.

[Repeated to Washington, U.K. Del. New York and
U.K. Del. Paris].

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FROM AMMAN TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Sir A. Kirkbride
No. 725

D. 10.42 a.m. 18th September 1948
R. 1.48 p.m. 18th September 1948

18th September 1948.

Repeated to Bagdad
Beirut
Cairo
Damascus
Jedda
B.M.E.O.
Jerusalem.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 725 of
18th September repeated for information to Bagdad,
Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Jedda, B.M.E.O. and Jerusalem.

Arab League.

My telegram No. 720.

From various reports it appears that parties in favour of the formation of a Palestine Arab Government are trying to force the issue possibly with the connivance of Ahmed Hil[gp.undec. ?mi]. King Abdullah has sent a letter to the latter reminding him that he was appointed by Transjordan and asking for an explanation of current reports. The latter added that no Palestine Arab Government formed as a result of present manoeuvres would be permitted to function in that part of Palestine occupied by the Arab Legion.

Foreign Office please pass to Jedda and Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 110 and 197 respectively.

[Repeated to Jedda and Jerusalem].

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Registry Number 12283/375/31

TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. Dumas, Damascus.

No. 494.

Dated 20th

Received in Registry 21st Sept.

Syrian reaction to Count Bernadotte's death.
No desire at present to resume fighting.

Refers to F.O. tel: 1590 to Cairo.

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Mr. Dundas
No. 494

D. 5.00 pm. 20th September,
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1948.

20th September, 1948.

Repeated to Arab Posts)
B.M.E.O. Cairo) Saving
U.K. Delegation Paris)
U.K. Delegation New York)

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 494 of 20th
September, repeated saving to Arab posts, B.M.E.O. Cairo,
United Kingdom Delegation Paris, United Kingdom Delegation
New York.

Your telegram No. 1590 to Cairo.

Palestine.

Count Bernadotte's assassination has here resulted in feelings that the United Nations are now inescapably faced with the necessity of taking action to re-assert their authority. There is no indication of a desire or an intention to resume hostilities until or unless the United Nations failure to assert their authority in Palestine becomes plain. In these circumstances I do not at present intend to speak on lines of your telegram under reference.

Foreign Office please pass Saving to United Kingdom General Assembly Paris and United Kingdom Delegation New York as my telegrams Nos. 4 and 26 respectively.

[Repeated saving to U.N.G.A. Paris and United Kingdom Delegation New York].

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Mr Beaumont

D. 11. 28 a.m. 20th September, 1948.

No. 484

R. 2. 00 p.m. 20th September, 1948.

20th September, 1948.

Repeated to Haifa

B.M.E.O. (Cairo)

Beirut

U.K. Del. Paris Saving

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 484 of September 20th repeated to Haifa, B.M.E.O. (Cairo), and saving to U.K. Del. Paris, U.K. Del. New York.

Haifa telegram No. 655 to Foreign Office.

Members of my staff were in Nablus September 19th and saw no signs of martial law. There has been an Iraqi Military Governor working through ordinary Civil Administration ever since Iraqis took over that sector from Arab Legion.

Foreign Office please pass saving to U.K. Del Paris,
and U.K. Del. New York as my telegrams Nos. 1 and 5
respectively.

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Mr. Marriott

No. 655

D. 2.40 p.m. 18th September, 1948
18th September, 1948 R. 6.29 p.m. 18th September, 1948

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Saving to United Nations General Assembly,
Paris (U.K.Del) and U.K. Delegation
New York.

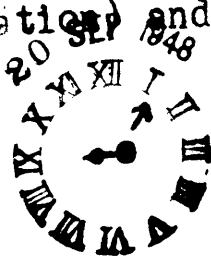
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18th September, repeated for information to Jerusalem,
B.M.E.O., Beirut and Saving to United Nations General
Assembly, Paris (U.K. Delegation) and U.K. Delegation
New York.

Following is from "M.F.A." Arabic broadcasts
monitored 000/1000, 16th September. Beirut Arabic
Radio. Communist activities in the Middle East
are growing and numerous Communist demonstrations are
being held. The Arab Liberation Party is behind
the unrest. Martial law has been imposed in
Nablus to counteract Communist danger.

Foreign Office please pass Saving to United
Nations General Assembly Paris (U.K.Del) and U.K.
Delegation New York as my telegrams Nos. 6 and 113.

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Assembly Paris (U.K. Delegation) and U.K. Delegation
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Registry Number 12446/375/31

TELEGRAM FROM
Mayor Of Jaffa
No. (Dr. Yusef Hailal)

Dated 24th
Received in Registry 24th
Sept.

Mayor of Jaffa's telegram of protest against
Count Bernadotte's Plan.

Last Paper.

E 12365

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I imagine that in the present circumstances Dr.
Yusef Hailal is no longer Mayor of Jaffa, & that there
is no further action that we can take.

Lawrence 29:ix.

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LC - FOREIGN SECRETARY LONDON -

ARABS CANNOT ACCEPT A JEWISH STATE IN ANY PART
OR THEIR COUNTRY STOP AS JAFFA MAYOR I AM
ASTONISHED TO SEE THIS TOWN PALESTINES LARGEST
ARAB TOWN OR ONEHUNDRED THOUSAND INHABITANTS
INCLUDED WITH THE NEIGHBOURING ARAB VILLAGES IN
THE JEWISH SECTION ACCORDING TO LATE COUNT
BERNADOTS REPORT STOP I APPEAL TO YOU NOT TO
PLACE ARABS UNDER RULE OR JEWS WHO WILL HAVE

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FREE HAND IN ARAB LINES AND PROPERTY AND TO
PRESERVE JAFFA AND NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES ARAB
UNDER ARAB SOVEREIGNTY

DOCTOR YUSEF HAI HAL JAFFA MAYOR

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Registry Number E12502/375/31

TELEGRAM FROM

Sir A. Kirkbride.

No. (AMMAN)

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Dated 25th Sept. 1948

Received in Registry 27th Sept. 1948

Establishment of the Palestine Arab Government
under AHMED HILMI at Gaza, and the activities of
pro-Mufti elements in the area occupied by Transjordan

Last Paper.

E 12422

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1) Palestine Dish
 (WIC G 12464) 27 Sept
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 Washington 10819
 Bagdad 1029
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 Cairo 1641, BMEQ 1140.
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 Jerusalem 888, New York 634 (Smy)
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1) C.R.O. bonma. circular tel to Dominion Govts
 H.No 415 of 1/10.

2) Bagdad tel 25 Saving.

3) B.M.E.O. tel 384 of 2/10.

4) Bagdad tel 1002 of 6/10.

5) C.R.O. circular tel to Dominion Govts H No 421 of 9/10

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BMEO 1142, Jerusalem 890,
New York 636 (airing).
8) Palestine Dist
4 Oct. Sept.

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Sir A. Kirkbride D. 4.04 p.m. 25th September, 1948
 No. 753
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Palestine.

The Palestine Arab Government under Ahmed Hilmi has established itself at Gaza under Egyptian auspices and word has been sent around to Mufti supporters in other Arab areas to rally there as soon as possible. Lorrys conveyed by Egyptian troops have arrived at Bethlehem carrying small arms which are being distributed to anti-Hashimite elements.

2. During the last ten days there have been four attacks by Arabs on United Nations Observers in areas controlled by the Arab Legion and there is little doubt now that these were organized with the intention of embroiling Transjordan. No evidence has been obtained yet as to who is behind this but pro-Mufti elements are suspected. Three unknown Arabs fired on a Jewish convey near Latrun a few days ago in this area. The result has been that Jewish posts now fire on Arab Legion vehicles. A band of irregulars has established itself near Ramallah and is operating in the 1936 style namely levying money and recruits from villages and holding courts of justice all in the Mufti's name.

3. It would appear that a definite attempt is being made to disturb conditions in Palestine areas occupied by Transjordan. Arrangements are being made to restore order

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but this will entail withdrawal of Arab Legion units from the front line and thereby heightening the danger of unexpected successful Jewish offensive.

4. Key to the situation is with the Iraqis. If they cooperate with new Palestine Arab Government the position of Transjordan will become extremely difficult. King Abdullah spoke to the Regent by telephone yesterday and asked him to ensure that this did not happen. He was given no clear reply but the Iraqi Prime Minister is due in Amman in this connexion on Monday. If anything could be done to influence the Iraqi Government it would be useful.

Foreign Office please pass by bag to Paris as my telegram No. 5 and to Washington, Jeddah and Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 98, 113, and 203 respectively.

[Repeated to Washington, Jeddah and Jerusalem and Saving to United Nations General Assembly, Paris (U.K. Delegation)].

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Telegram.

No. 930

(Date) Sept 28.

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Jedda, B.M.E.O., Jerusalem, ^{and} Saving to U.K. Del.
New York.

Your telegram No. 753 [of September 25 :
Palestine].

As you will see I am asking H.M.
Ambassador Bagdad and H.M. Chargé d'Affaires in
Cairo to take such action as they may find
possible to prevent the growth of the Mufti's
influence in Palestine.

2. Meanwhile we are considering very
carefully the procedure to be adopted by the
Assembly with regard to the disposal of the
Arab areas of Palestine. However far we may be
able to go in getting the United Nations to take
definite decisions on this matter, it is clear
that the ^{implementation} ~~imposition~~ of any settlement will be
almost more difficult in this case than in the
case of the division between Jewish and Arab
areas. I feel, therefore, that you should make
clear to King Abdullah that while, as shown in
my statement in the House of Commons, we are
willing to do our utmost to ensure that he
receives the greater part of this territory, we
may, even supposing that the United Nations
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considerable difficulty in giving them effect. This being so, it seems urgently necessary for him to consider how he may best secure the agreement or acquiescence of the other Arab states by himself.

~~The intentions of the Egyptians with~~ regard to the acquisition of territory in Palestine are extremely obscure. The Govt. appear not to wish to acquire territory while the Palace apparently have far-reaching territorial ambitions. ~~This being so it seems to be worth~~ while for King Abdullah to consider whether he should not make a direct approach to King Farouk on realistic lines and try to reach prior agreement with him on the division of the Arab areas of Palestine, supposing that the United Nations endorse the Bernadette plan. He could at the same time point out to King Farouk the danger both to Egyptian and Transjordan interests of an increase of the Mufti's influence in Palestine.

[Approved by S. 578]
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No. 250.

D. 5.00 p.m. 28th September, 1948

28th September, 1948.

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Bagdad No. 1029
Beirut No. 887
Cairo No. 1841
Damascus No. 685
Jedda No. 808
B.M.E.O. (Cairo) No. 1140
Jerusalem No. 888.

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Addressed to Amman telegram No. 250 of 28th September,
repeated for information to United Nations General Assembly,
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Damascus, Jedda, B.M.E.O. (Cairo), Jerusalem and Saving to
U.K. Delegation, New York.

Your telegram No. 755 [of September 25th: Palestine].

As you will see I am asking His Majesty's Ambassador
Bagdad and His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires in Cairo to take
such action as they may find possible to prevent the growth
of the Mufti's influence in Palestine.

2. Meanwhile we are considering very carefully the
procedure to be adopted by the Assembly with regard to the
disposal of the Arab areas of Palestine. However far we
may be able to go in getting the United Nations to take
definite decisions on this matter, it is clear that the
implementation of any settlement will be almost more
difficult in this case than in the case of the division
between Jewish and Arab areas. I feel, therefore, that you
should make clear to King Abdallah that while, as shown in
my statement in the House of Commons, we are willing to do
our utmost to ensure that he receives the greater part of
this territory, we may, even supposing that the United
Nations adopt our views in their entirety, be faced with
considerable difficulty in giving them effect. This being
so, it seems urgently necessary for him to consider whether
he should not make a direct approach to King Farouk on

realistic lines and ...

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negotiate lines and try to reach prior agreement with him on the division of the Arab areas of Palestine, suggesting that the United Nations approve the Barmine plan. He could at the same time point out to King Farouk the danger both to Egyptian and Transjordan interests of an increase of the Mufti's influence in Palestine.

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Jedda B.M.E.O. Jerusalem, ^{and} Saving to U.K. Del.

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My telno. 930 to Amman [of September 28th]:

Palestine].

You should not at present say anything to the Palace or the Egyptian Govt. about a possible approach by King Abdullah with a view to agreement on Arab Palestine, but you should use the establishment of this so-called Arab Govt. at Gaza as ground for further representations in all useful quarters on the lines of those you have already made with regard to the extension of the Mufti's influence,

expressing surprise that the ^(Egyptian) Egⁿ

Govt should have allowed

HIL MI Pascha to establish

a pro-Mufti "Govt" under
their protection at Gaza.

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My telegram No. 950 to Amman [of September 28th Palestine].

You should not at present say anything to the Palace or the Egyptian Government about a possible approach by King Abdullah with a view to agreement on Arab Palestine, but you should use the establishment of this so-called Arab Government at Gaza as ground for further representations in all useful quarters on the lines of those you have already made with regard to the extension of the Mufti's influence, expressing surprise that the Egyptian Government should have allowed Hilmi Pasha to establish a pre-Mufti "Government" under their protection at Gaza.

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My telegram No. 930 to Amman [of September

28th Sept] Palestine]

Please speak strongly to the Regent and the
Iraq Govt. ^(in continuation of conversation recorded in your DL No 966) about the dangers of encouraging the

Mufti to extend his influence in Palestine.

The main arguments to be used are those given in

Mr. Burrows' letter to Sir J. Troutbeck of
September 3 and in F.O. telegram No. 16096 Cairo.

You should in particular point out to the
Regent that any growth of the Mufti's influence
must necessarily be most dangerous to the
Hashemite house. The Regent should not think
that he can sit back and allow attacks on the
position of King Abdullah without any danger to
himself. A strong and enlarged Transjordan
is in the interests of the maintenance of
stability in Iraq and of the position of the
Regent and of the Royal family.

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Paris (United Kingdom Delegation), Washington, Amman,
Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Jedda, B.M.E.O., Jerusalem and
Saving to United Kingdom Delegation New York.

My telegram No. 930 to Amman [of September 28th: Palestine].

Please speak strongly to the Regent and the Iraqi Government in continuation of conversation recorded in your telegram No. 944 about the dangers of encouraging the Mufti to extend his influence in Palestine. The main arguments to be used are those given in Mr. Burrows' letter to Sir J. Treutbeck of September 3rd and in Foreign Office telegram No. 1609 to Cairo. You should in particular point out to the Regent that any growth of the Mufti's influence must necessarily be most dangerous to the Hashemite house. The Regent should not think that he can sit back and allow attacks on the position of King Abdullah without any danger to himself. A strong and enlarged Transjordan is in the interests of the maintenance of stability in Iraq and of the position of the Regent and of the Royal Family.

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(Sent 9.30 p.m., 1st Oct., 1948)

H.No.415 CONFIDENTIAL

My telegram 22nd September H.No.404. *E 10 800 / 11/31*

PALESTINE

It will have been seen that Arab Higher Committee have announced formation of a "Palestine Arab Government" under Ahmed Hilmi Pasha, previously Transjordan Military Governor in Jerusalem. This "Government" has established its headquarters under Egyptian auspices at Gaza, whither, according to Press reports, ex-Mufti has proceeded. United Kingdom representatives in Baghdad and Cairo have been asked to take such action as they may find possible again to impress on Arab leaders undesirable consequences for Arabs of an increase of ex-Mufti's influence.

2. We have reason to believe that many of the Arab leaders are already convinced of dangers inherent in increase of ex-Mufti's influence, but that they feel themselves unable to go against decision of Political Committee of Arab League.

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Sir H. Mack
No. 25 Saving

1st October, 1948. R. 9th October, 1948.

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Addressed to British Middle Office Cairo
telegram No. 458 of 1st October, repeated for
information Saving to Foreign Office.

I have not received a copy of Burrows'
letter to you referred to in Foreign Office
telegram No. 1030 to me. Please send one by next
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~~Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 18 of October and repeated to Bagdad.~~

Bagdad telegram No. 453 to us repeated to you.

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TO: CANADA (GOVT.)
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(Sent 5.35 p.m. 9th October, 1948)

H. No. 421 CONFIDENTIAL

My telegram 14th October H. No. 415.

P A L E S T I N E

Paris tel

It will be known that Secretary-General of United Nations recently received telegram from Ahmed Hilmi Pasha, head of so-called "Palestine Arab Government", notifying him of establishment of this "Government" and by implication claiming for it jurisdiction over whole of Palestine.

2. We have now received from Ahmed Hilmi Pasha telegram requesting us to establish "relations of cordiality" with the "all-Palestine Arab Government". We do not (repeat not) propose to reply to this telegram, since any acknowledgment might be taken as involving some measure of recognition. If enquiries are received from the press we shall state that message has been received, that no acknowledgment has been sent, and that we do not intend to recognise this so-called "Government".

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ACTING U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PAKISTAN) AIR MAIL
U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CEYLON)

(Sent 5.50 p.m. 9th October, 1948)

Q. No. 473 CONFIDENTIAL

My telegram to-day H. No. 421.

P A L E S T I N E

In reply to enquiry from United States Government, who have received similar message, we have informed them of our attitude on lines of my telegram under reference and have urged them to take similar line. We have pointed out that Count Bernadotte's report advised against formation of separate Arab State, and that, since new "Government" appears to claim whole of Palestine, any acknowledgment of its existence would have undesirable implications.

2. United Kingdom Representatives in Arab countries have been instructed to take any possible action which may discourage Arab Governments from recognizing new "Palestine Arab Government". They are to use arguments

- (a) that a separate Arab State in Palestine would not be covered by any of our existing treaties with Arab States,
- (b) that, in view of ex-Mufti's association with new "Government", we should be most unlikely to enter into treaty negotiations with it, and
- (c) that under existing circumstances a Palestine-Arab State could not (repeat not) be economically viable and its absorption

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by Jews would sooner or later be inevitable.

3. United States representatives have been instructed by State Department to take similar line and, if questioned as to United States attitude towards disposal of Arab areas of Palestine, to state that United States Government support whole of Count Bernadotte's conclusions.

4. Present information suggests that Arab Governments are far from agreed as to line they propose to take towards Palestine "Government". Attitude of Transjordan Government is hostile, and it seems clear that Iraqi and probably Egyptian Governments are not altogether pleased by its appearance at this juncture. Syrian and Lebanese Governments are more favourably disposed towards it, chiefly on account of their dislike of King Abdullah and their desire to embarrass him, but they do not as yet appear to have taken a positive decision.

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D. Wellington 11th October, 1948 8.10 p.m.
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P A L E S T I N E

Your telegram H. 421.

We also have received from Ahmed Hilmi Pasha a
message to the same effect but we are not of course
returning any reply.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. Trott

No. (JEMMA)

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Dated 26th Sept. 1948

Received in Registry 27th Sept. 1948

Views on the establishment of a Palestine Arab Government at Cairo.Refers to Foreign Office telegram No. 1589 to Cairo. (E11809/11675/8).
Conversation with Sheikh Yusuf Yasin.

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General Assembly Paris, and United Kingdom
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of September 26th. Repeated for information Saving
B.M.E.O., Bagdad, Amman, Damascus, Beirut, Jerusalem,
Washington, United Kingdom Delegation to United
Nations General Assembly Paris and United Kingdom
Delegation New York.

Palestine.

While I was discussing Palestine with Sheik Yusuf Yasin on September 25th, he received telegram from Gaza signed by Ahmed Hilmi saying that a government for Palestine had been formed. He said that he was the first Prime Minister and he offered respects to Ibn Saud in that capacity.

2. I deplored this move and said it was just what the Jews were wanting. I also mentioned that I had heard a wireless report that morning to the effect that Azzam Pasha had denied reports of an Arab Government in Palestine and had stated that he was going to see King Abdullah about it. Shiek Yusuf Yasin said the report of Azzam's statement must be untrue because the establishment of such a government was the policy of the Political Section of the Arab League.

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TELEGRAM FROM
R. M. O., CAIRO.

No. 374

Dated 24th Sept. 1948

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Conversation with ALBAN DALLAS on the formation of
a Palestine Government.

Refers to Foreign Office telegram No. 1589 to
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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 374 of September 24th, repeated for information to Bagdad, Beirut, Damascus, Amman, Jerusalem, Washington and Saving to Jedda, United Nations General Assembly Paris (United Kingdom Delegation) and United Kingdom Delegation New York.

Your telegram No.1589 to Cairo: Palestine.

During the course of conversation yesterday Azzam spoke about the formation of a Palestine Government which was announced in yesterday's press and we informed him of your views on the subject. He doubted whether the press announcement was in fact correct as the Palestinians, to whom the formation of a Government or administration had been entrusted by the Arab League had hitherto showed an extraordinary incapacity for unity of action. The Arab League, he said, had had two motives in taking the action they had

(a) To bring some order out of the administrative chaos which prevailed in all areas outside those under Egyptian control and

(b) To strengthen their position at U.N. where they felt that a Palestine Delegation representing a Government would have greater authority. As for the Mufti, Azzam hoped that he would be prevailed upon to remain in Egypt and exercise his influence from there rather than take any direct part in the administration.

Foreign Office please pass Washington and Saving to United Nations General Assembly Paris (United Kingdom Delegation), United Kingdom Delegation New York as my telegrams 88,78 Misc. and 79 Misc. respectively.

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